



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6977

LCO No. 4625

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING DEBARMENT REFORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 31-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The State Comptroller or the contracting authority acting
4 pursuant to section 31-53 is hereby authorized and directed to pay to
5 mechanics, laborers and [workmen] workers from any accrued
6 payments withheld under the terms of a contract terminated pursuant
7 to subsection (b) of said section 31-53 any wages found to be due such
8 mechanics, laborers and [workmen] workers pursuant to said section
9 31-53. The Labor Commissioner is further authorized and directed to
10 distribute a list to all departments of the state and political
11 subdivisions [thereof] of the state giving the names of persons or firms
12 whom [he] the Labor Commissioner has found to have disregarded
13 their obligations under said section 31-53 and section 31-76c to
14 employees and subcontractors on public works projects or to have
15 been barred from federal government contracts in accordance with the
16 provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, 49 Stat. 1011 (1931), 40 USC 276a-2.

17 (b) (1) No contract shall be awarded by the state or any of its

18 political subdivisions to the persons or firms appearing on this list or
19 to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which such
20 persons or firms have an interest until a period of up to three years, as
21 determined by the Labor Commissioner, has elapsed from the date of
22 publication of the list containing the names of such persons or firms.

23 (2) No contract shall be awarded by any general contractor that
24 enters into a contract with the state or any of its agents, or with any
25 political subdivision of the state or any of its agents, for the
26 construction, remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation,
27 alteration or repair of any public works project that meets the
28 requirements of subsection (g) of section 31-53, to the persons or firms
29 appearing on this list or to any firm, corporation, partnership or
30 association in which such persons or firms have an interest until a
31 period of up to three years, as determined by the Labor Commissioner,
32 has elapsed from the date of publication of the list containing the
33 names of such persons or firms.

34 [(b)] (c) If the accrued payments withheld under the terms of a
35 contract terminated pursuant to subsection (b) of section 31-53 are
36 insufficient to reimburse all the mechanics, laborers and [workmen]
37 workers with respect to whom there has been a failure to pay the
38 wages required pursuant to said section 31-53, such mechanics,
39 laborers and [workmen] workers shall have the right of action and of
40 intervention against the contractor and [his] the contractor's sureties
41 conferred by law upon persons furnishing labor or materials, and in
42 such proceedings it shall be no defense that such mechanics, laborers
43 and [workmen] workers accepted or agreed to accept less than the
44 required wages or that such persons voluntarily made refunds.

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen debarment practices against contractors that violate the prevailing wage laws.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]